

DEFICIENCY PROGRESS REPORT – UPDATE 1

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CUPA: SANTA CLARA COUNTY

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Deficiencies corrected with this update: 4

Status: Deficiencies 1, 2, and 3 remain outstanding.

Next Progress Report (2nd Update) Due: July 14, 2009

- 1. Deficiency:** The CUPA and its five participating agencies (PA's) have not fully developed a single unified inspection and enforcement (I&E) program. For example, the plan does not address the responsibilities of the CUPA and the specific activities of its PA's. The inspection frequency schedule for all program elements is not identified.

Corrective Action: By July 13, 2009, the CUPA will develop and implement an action plan for consolidating, coordinating and making consistent the inspection and enforcement program across all the Unified Program Agencies (UPAs), to the maximum extent feasible. By January 13, 2010, the CUPA, in conjunction with its PA's will revise their I&E Program Plan to reflect the specific activities of the CUPA and both its PA's.

CUPA Update 1: Coordination between CUPA and all five Participating Agencies (PA's) has begun in regard to full development of a single unified I&E program. Table with updated inspection frequency was requested from all PA's for the programs that each jurisdiction implements. The table with inspection frequency has been updated by CUPA. Assignment of Unified Program Elements for each PA and CUPA reflecting current program implementation has also been added to the I&E Program Plan which addresses the responsibilities of the CUPA and the PA's. We are in the process of setting up a meeting, sometime in May, with our five PA's to discuss the consolidation and coordination in order to make consistent the I&E Program. CUPA will develop and implement an action plan which will be presented in the next progress report which is due July 14, 2009.

Comments to Update 1: This deficiency remains in the process of being corrected. On the next deficiency progress report, due on July 14, 2009, please update Cal/EPA on the CUPA's status toward correcting this deficiency.

2. **Deficiency:** The CUPA is not fully tracking and reporting enforcement actions taken on its Annual Enforcement Summary Report 4. For example, in the last three fiscal years, the PA's informal enforcement numbers are not accurately reported. The PA's re-inspect all their facilities to follow-up on violations in lieu of notice-to-comply self-certifications.

Corrective Action: Any re-inspection that is conducted to follow-up on violation(s) should be reported as informal enforcement.

By September 30, 2009, the CUPA will verify that the enforcement data on the Annual Enforcement Summary Report 4 will be complete and as accurate as possible.

CUPA Update 1: The Participating agencies have been informed that any re-inspection that is conducted to follow-up on violation(s) is to be reported as informal enforcement. CUPA will ensure that the enforcement data on the Annual Enforcement Summary Report 4 due by September 30, 2009 will be complete and as accurate as possible.

Comments to Update 1: This deficiency remains in the process of being corrected. On the next deficiency progress report, due on July 14, 2009, please update Cal/EPA on the CUPA's status toward correcting this deficiency.

3. **Deficiency:** The CUPA did not ensure that its PA's have met the mandated inspection frequency for underground storage tank (UST) facility compliance inspections. Inspection frequencies for the last three fiscal years were 88% (05/06), 82% (06/07), and 80% (07/08). The CUPA has met its inspection frequencies for all of their assigned facilities; however, the PA's have not met their inspection frequency.

Corrective Action: By April 15, 2009, the CUPA will meet with its PA's and discuss the reasons why UST inspections are not being met annually. By June 14, 2009, the CUPA, in coordination with its PA's, will develop strategies for meeting the mandated inspection frequency for all UST facilities annually. In the first deficiency progress report, the CUPA will provide the status toward correcting this deficiency. The CUPA and PA's inspection frequencies will be reflected on their Annual Inspection Summary Report 3 and Semi-Annual Report 6.

CUPA Update 1: The City of San Jose is not meeting its mandated inspection frequency for the UST program. The other four Participating Agencies are meeting the mandated inspection frequency for all UST facilities annually. Santa Clara County CUPA completed a PA evaluation for the City of San Jose on September 17, 2008. Under a summary of findings several deficiencies were noted including failing to inspect UST facilities annually as required. The timeframe agreed on to correct the deficiency was one year. Under preliminary Corrective Action, the City of San Jose stated that they will implement inspection procedures to ensure

that all UST facilities are inspected annually. They will also provide adequate resources to properly implement the Unified Program elements the PA has taken on. The City of San Jose has stated on their status report dated March 2, 2009 that a policy was developed to ensure that UST permits expiration dates are reviewed every three months and notices are sent to inspectors as reminders of upcoming expiring UST permit dates at facilities that will need to be inspected. The outcome of this new policy implementation will be closely monitored. CUPA is in contact with the City of San Jose and continues to work with them so they can achieve their goal to meet mandated inspection frequency for UST facilities. An indication of any progress will be evident once the Annual Inspection Summary Report 3 and the Semi-Annual Report 6 are received.

Comments to Update 1: The SWRCB appreciates the efforts that the CUPA is making to ensure that the inspection frequencies are met by their PAs. The SWRCB will consider this deficiency corrected when the summary report and Report 6s show an inspection frequency of 100%.

4. **Deficiency:** The CUPA failed to implement its graduated series of enforcement action. The CUPA is not citing violations in a manner consistent with the definition of a minor, Class II or Class I as provided in statutes and regulations.

Corrective Action: Effective immediately, the CUPA will ensure that they are conducting inspections in a manner consistent with state statute or regulation for businesses subject to the hazardous waste generator program.

CUPA Update 1: The CUPA is now ensuring that inspections are conducted in a manner consistent with state statute or regulation for businesses subject to the hazardous waste generator program. Classification training that was taken in December 2008 by all staff has provided a good foundation for consistency and continues to be addressed as issues come up and clarifications are needed. Violation classification has been fully integrated into the Envision database as planned and continues to be in use.

Comments to Update 1: The CUPA has satisfactorily corrected this deficiency. No further update is required.